

## Municipal Rubbish Removal Plan Urged

Community Clubs Unite in Appeal to Have City Super-vise Collection, Disposal of Ashes, Rubbish

### WASHINGTON HILL

Funds for a municipal system of removal of ashes and rubbish will be sought in the 1940 city budget by a committee composed of representatives of all local community clubs. The first meeting of the committee was held last night at the Washington Park Community house, with John Dietz being elected chairman and Mrs. Henry A. Hayden secretary. Both are members of the Washington Park Community club.

### LADIES' AID IN TUESDAY SESSION

Rev. Ridgway Shinn Is Speaker; Bingo Tonight at St. Michael's

### WATERVILLE

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Waterville, May 17. — A group meeting of Ladies Aid Societies, met Tuesday afternoon at St. Paul's Methodist Church on East Farm street.

Rev. Ridgway Shinn of the West Side Methodist church, was guest speaker. His subject was "Tearing or Tearing Women". The Miller sisters sang several selections. After the meeting the ladies of the church served a delicious lunch. Among those present from Waterville were: Mrs. Wightman, Mrs. Mary McNamee, Mrs. Eva Kott, Mrs. Melvin Benson, Mrs. Mary Lovell, Mrs. Clarence Barber, Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mrs. Elizabeth Jenny, Mrs. Arthur Twines and Miss Olive Dyson.

**Bingo** will be played tonight in the Parish Hall of St. Michael's Church, under the sponsorship of the Holy Name Society. The committee in charge includes: Patrick F. Shea, James McAree, Fred True-love, John Woldoski, George Tucker, Bill Brennan, William Cregan, and Robert Cosgriff. Special prizes will be awarded.

**Card Party** Mrs. George Caldwell was in charge of the card party of the Fairmount Community Club at their rooms on Essex street Wednesday evening. Those present were: Mrs. Mary Snags, Edward Link, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Horman, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Atherton, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rappe, Edward Rahn, Mr. and Mrs. McHardy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sheer, Mrs. Clifford Northrop, Mrs. James Waters, and Mrs. George Caldwell. Lunch was served and prizes were awarded to the following: Mr. and Mrs. E. McHardy, Mrs. James Waters, Mrs. Kenneth Rappe, and Walter Horman.

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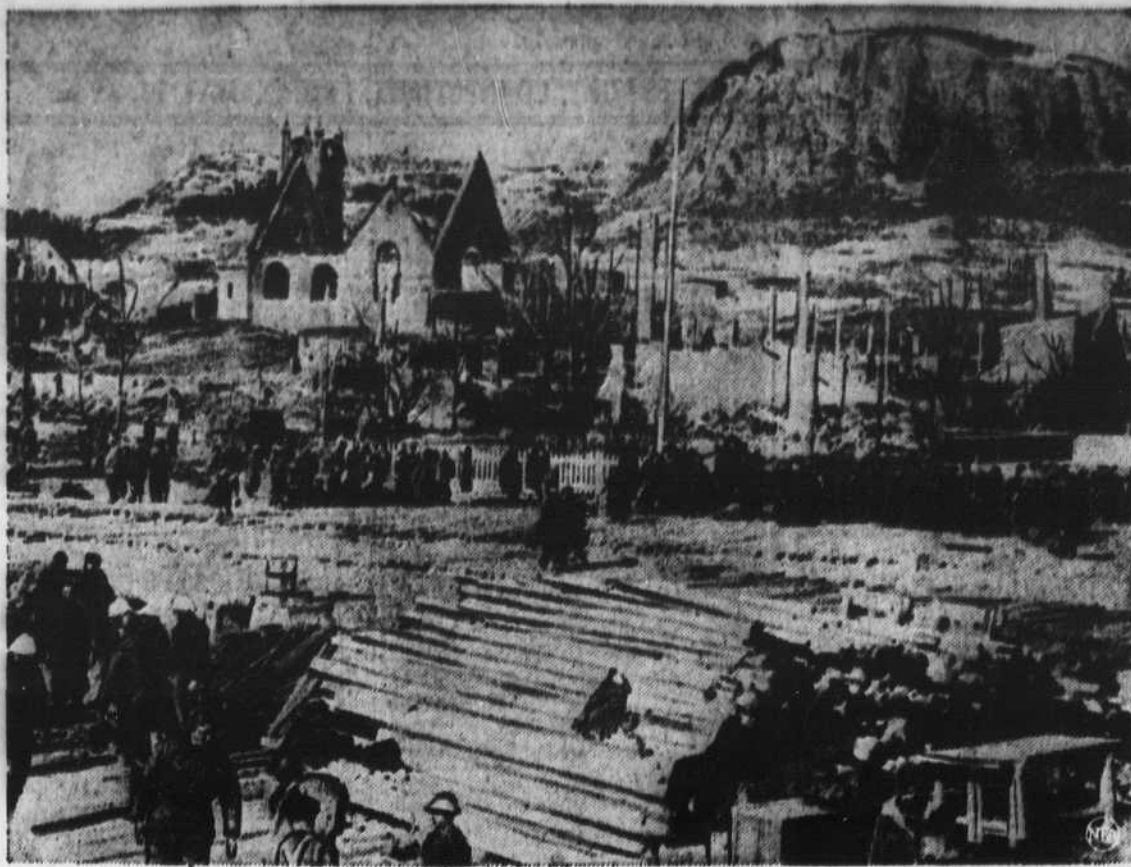
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## THE RETREAT FROM NORWAY



Against a background of charred heaps that was once the town of Namsos, Norway, members of the Allied Northwestern Expeditionary Force are shown preparing to embark in final withdrawal from central Norway. Photo was taken by a member of the crew of H. M. S. Bittern.

## President Roosevelt, General Pershing Support Congressman Smith's Contention

Assistant Secretary of War Louis Johnson Congratulates Waterburian for Substantial Contribution in the Cause of Sound Defense — Investigations Confirm Frequently Repeated Claims of Local Representative.

(Special to The Democrat)

Washington, D. C., May 17.—

President Roosevelt and General

John J. Pershing today corroborated

criticisms of our national defense

inadequacies which were unfolded

by Congressman J. Joseph Smith

of Connecticut two weeks ago at a

meeting here of members of the New

England Council, New England

Chambers of Commerce and New

England congressional delegations.

The shocking details of the Con-

necticut representative's speech co-

incide with statements on the needs

for vast improvements in our de-

fenses made by the President and

the commander-in-chief of the A.

E. F. on the occasion of the for-

mer's announcement of plans to

outline an emergency defense pro-

gram costing nearly one billion dol-

lars to congress.

Assistant Secretary of War Louis

Johnson publicly congratulated

Congressman Smith on his speech,

terming it "a very substantial con-

tribution to the cause of sound

national defense."

**Veteran Member**

As an active and veteran mem-

ber of the military affairs com-

mittee, Congressman Smith has in-

terested himself in the problems of

national defense, and has spon-

sored numerous highly important

legislative measures in this inter-

est. Chief among these are the

educational orders and strategic and

critical war material measures

which are now in operation, and the

scrap iron and steel export license

bill which is under consideration.

Prior to President Roosevelt's an-

ouncement that he would seek an

emergency appropriation, Mr. Smith

made public his belief that the im-

mense cost for improving our na-

tional defense should be \$1,125-

\$82,000.

In his talk before the New Eng-

land businessmen and legislators

May 1, Congressman Smith said:

"The National Defense Act of 1920

contemplated annual appropriations

sufficient to maintain the forces pro-

vided in the act, with their arms,

equipment and necessary reserves of

supplies. This has not been done.

"The world knows the result on

our navy of the conferences and

scrapping of the 20's. Our own peo-

ple do not realize the criminal ne-

glect of our land forces during that

time. We are paying now in cash

and in huge additions to our debt

for the neglect which avoided some

of the cost."

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J. JOSEPH SMITH

Congressman

expenditures during the 1920's and

early 1930's, but left us with out

vital reserves of arms and am-

munition and without facilities to

produce them in case of need.

"In the 14 years from 1922 to

1935 our total Army expenditures

ran from roughly 250 to 350 mil-

lion dollars per year, with the av-

erage under 300 million. Today it

approaches 900 million and may go

higher before we have made up the

deficiencies in equipment which still

face us."

**Favorable Comment**

Although he spoke primarily on

New England's part in National De-

fense, Congressman Smith included

the most outspoken criticism of

the country in his remarks. The tim-

eliness and accuracy of his state-

ments, as evidenced by the recent

presidential action, have been the

cause for considerable favorable com-

ment concerning Mr. Smith, by lead-

ers in army and legislative circles.

Arthur C. Wimer, Washington

correspondent for the Hartford

(Conn.) Courant termed his speech

"the most outspoken criticism of

United States defense Washington

has heard in a long time from a

member of the Military Affairs

Committee." Nationwide publicity

has been given Mr. Smith's com-

ments by the wire services, and the

text of his speech will be the sub-

ject of a special feature being pre-

pared by the King Features Syn-

dicate for distribution to newspapers

throughout the country.

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sive of the Air Corps. The Air Corps

alone, he said, including replace-

ments to maintain it as the strength

now authorized will cost an addi-

tional \$250,000,000 annually.

"Anything less will leave us in

a condition inviting attack," he

said. "Until world conditions are far

more stabilized than they are today

ing material available other than the

will to do and a hasty plan as to

the basis for doing it. Our Allies

protected us during more than a

year of preparation. They provided

us with the material."

On May 1, Congressman Smith

cited examples of World War ex-

periences, in which production of 155

millimeter gun recoil mechanism was

not reached until 14 months later

and 20 months later, only 45 per

cent of the production of 155 mil-

limeter gun recoil mechanism was

produced. Several other instances of delay in

production of vital materials were

mentioned, including 75 mm. am-

munition and guns.

Mr. Wimer said in his article

concerning speeches made by Mr.

Smith and Rep. Henry Cabot Lodge

of Massachusetts that "These two

legislators by their respective ac-

tivities did more to make Congress

defense minded than have other

men or events in a long time."

"Congressman Smith is neither

a war-monger nor a light talker,"

the article continued. "He's per-

haps one of the most sober minded

of Connecticut's legislators. A study

of the military has become his

hobby. On the Military Affairs

Committee he has gained the re-

spect of his peers. Consequently

his comments are not tossed lightly

aside."

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